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For taking the Test.

Edinburgh, May 13. 1685.



OUR SOVERAIGN LORD, with Consent of the Estates of Parliament, Statutes and Ordinances, That all Protestant Heretors, Liferenters, and others having Right to Liferents, Jure Mariti, Woodsetters, Tack-men having Tacks for longer time than for eighteen years, all Masters of Ships, and such other Burgeses, and Inhabitants of Burghs, Whether of Royalty, Regality, or Barony, as are not Heretors, who shall be appointed by the Privy Council, Take the Test, prescribed by the sixth Act of the Parliament 1681. before the first day of November, for all such as live be-south the River of Tay, and the first day of January next; for all be-north Tay; And for that end, that all Noble-men, and their Eldest Sons, above the Age of eighteen years, shall compare before His Majesties Privy Council; all Masters of Ships, and Burgeses aforesaid, shall compare before the Provost, or Baillies of the Burgh, to which they belong; and all others foresaid, before the Sheriff of the Shire where they live, at some time before the said day, and there shall Swear and Subscribe the said Test, before the Judge, and Clerk of the Court, with Certification, That such as fail in Swearing and Subscribing the Test, as said is, shall be punished in such pecunial Sums, as the Secret Council shall Determine to be Disposed of by His Majesty, at His Royal Pleasure. It is alwayes Declared, That this Act extends not to women. And all Clerks are hereby Ordained to send in Lists of such as have taken the Test, within their respective Jurisdictions, to the Clerks of His Majesties Privy Council, before the first day of February next to come, under the pain of losing their Office, and to be punished otherways as the Privy Council shall Determine. But such as have already Sworn, and Subscribed, shall not be obliged to renew it on this Occasion. And further, His Majesty, with Consent foresaid, Doth Ratifie and Approve what is already done in offering the Test by His Majesties Privy Council, Justice Court, or any Commissionat from any of them, or by Sheriffs and other Magistrates, Declaring the same to have been good Service to the King and Countrey.